DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH). (a) to (c) The information is being collected and the same, to the extent available and admissible will be laid on the Table of the House.

Creation of separate cell by Nationalised Banks for Disposal of Loan applications of Women Entrepreneurs

88. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue instructions to all the nationalised banks to create separate cells for expeditious disposal of loan applications from women entrepreneurs;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal, and

(c) by what time the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have not issued instructions to the banks for the creation of such a separate cell. However, women entrepreneurs, like other beneficiaries, can approach commercial banks for financial assistance, who may consider their request depending upon the technical feasibility and economic viability of the proposal. In terms of guidelines issued by RBI to all Scheduled Commercial Banks for priority sector advances, banks have been advised to dispose of all loans applications, including those of the women entrepreneurs, upto Rs. 25,000/- within a fornight and those over Rs. 25,000/- within 8 to 9 weeks.

Financial position of the Nationalised Banks

89. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in "The Hindustan Times" dated 8-11-1990 wherein it has been stated that all banks, except Canara Bank and SBI, are in the "RED", mainly because the banking network has lost over Rs. 44,000 crores in the last three decades;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof,

(c) what are the reasons for incurring losses by these banks;

(d) what is the balance sheet chart of each nationalised bank for the last five years, year-wise and bank-wise; and

(e) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have seen the newsitem appeared in the Hindustan Times of 8th November, 1990 under the heading "Banks question RBI 'sick list'". It may not be correct to say that all banks, except Canara Bank and State Bank of India, are in the red. As per the published annual accounts for the year 1989-90, all the public sector banks, except New Bank of India and UCO Bank have shown profits aggregating to Rs. 366 88 crores. New Bank of India and UCO Bank have shown losses of Rs. 9.89 crores and Rs. 54.59 crores respectively.

(c) Banks being credit institutions, the risk of certain advances turning sticky and thereby resulting in losses to the concerned banks is inherent in the system. Advances may turn sticky due to certain internal and external factors such as lack of adequate credit appraisal machinery, ineffective post disbursement supervision, recessionary trends in the industry, natural calamities etc.

(d) The profits in respect of the public sector banks during the period 1985 to 31st March, 1990 as per their published Balance Sheets are given in that Annexure (*See* Appendix CLVI, Annexure No. 2)